

**AMENDMENT**

**I. Amendment to the Specification**

Please amend the paragraph beginning on page 1 below the heading "REFERENCE TO PRIOR APPLICATION" as follows:

This application claims priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(e) from provisional application Serial Number 60/228,081, filed August 25, 2000, ~~which is incorporated herein by reference to the extent it is consistent with this application.~~